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INFORMATION FOR SEEDSMEN

Seedsmen Responsible

All farm seeds sold, offered or exposed for sale in quantities of ten pounds or more, must be tagged. The tag must show the analysis and the percentage of germination with the date when the germination test was made. The seedsman may deliver the tag to the purchaser, or he may tag the bag or container in which the seeds are exposed or offered for sale. If the former method is used, the seedsman sometimes forgets to deliver the tag to the purchaser. It is better and easier for the seedsman to make sure that the tag is attached to the bag or container in a conspicuous place where the purchaser can see it.

Retailer and Wholesaler

Both retailer and wholesaler within the state are responsible, but the retailer should always demand that the wholesaler shall tag the bag, giving the information required by the Pennsylvania Seed Law. If the retailer suspects that the seed is not properly labeled, or is not of good quality, he should have it tested. He may have this done by sending a sample to a commercial seed laboratory or to the Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

Information Required on Tag

It is a violation of the Seed Law to sell seeds unless the following information is given on the tag:—

1. Common name of seed
2. Percentage of purity
3. Percentage of weed seeds
4. Name and number per ounce of the noxious weeds present
5. Percentage of germination with date when test was made
6. Name and address of the retailer

The requirements for mixtures are somewhat different. (See Sections 5 and 6 of Seed Law).

Prohibition

It is unlawful to sell the following:—

1. Seeds that contain more than 3% weed seeds
2. Seeds that contain more than one seed of dodder or one seed of Canada thistle in five grams.

Penalty

A violation of the Seed Law is a misdemeanor for which a maximum fine of \$200.00 may be imposed.

Visitations by Inspectors

It is the intention of the Department of Agriculture to have an inspector visit each seedsman at least once a year. If the bags are properly tagged at all times the seedsman will always be ready for the inspector.